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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
133/28

In Re Application Of: **Ronald L. Beale**

Serial No.  
09/844,047

Filing Date  
4/30/01

Examiner  
M. Brevard

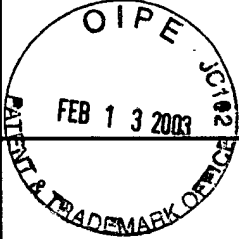
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Invention: **Back Support Apparatus for Use With a Backpack**

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of October 7, 2002, in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: January 7, 2003    until: February 7, 2003  
*Date*    *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-3022  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 01-3022    A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

*Signature*

Dated: **February 7, 2003**

**Edgar W. Averill, Jr.**  
**Averill & Varn**  
**8244 Painter Ave.**  
**Whittier, CA 90602**  
**562/698-8039**

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **February 7, 2003** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

*Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence*

**Edgar W. Averill, Jr.**

*Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence*

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